GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5578
ANSWERED ON:29.08.2001
ILLEGAL DETENTION OF CHILDREN
BABUBHAI KHIMABHAI KATARA;CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the illegal detention of the children in various orphanages of Gujarat, Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number and details of such cases detected by the Government since January, 2000 till date along-with the action taken thereon;

(c) whether these orphanages are getting grants and other assistance from the Government;

(d) the details of the grant and other assistance given during each of the last three years; and

(e) the concrete steps taken/propose to be taken by the Government to keep a check on such illegal activities going on in orphanages?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) There is no report of illegal detention of children in orphanages in the country as per information available with the Ministry.

(b) & (c) Does not arise.

(d) There is no specific scheme for grant-in-aid for orphanages under the Ministry. However there is a scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to promote in-country Adoption, wherein grant is given to Sishu Grehs for promoting In-country adoption. State-wise statement of grants given in last 3 years is placed as Annexure-I.

(e) The Ministry has been issuing circulars from time to time to all the State Governments to take necessary steps to prevent mismanagement of Adoption Agencies and Homes. These include:

(i) Licensing of all Residential Homes & setting up of state adoption unit.

(ii) Joint inspection by State Government and CARA of orphanages and agencies.

(iii) Enforcement of Orphanages & other Charitable Homes Act-1960.

(iv) Monitoring of adoption activities in the context of recent happenings in Andhra Pradesh.

Directives have also been issued to the concerned agencies and organizations to streamline their activities and adhere to the government guidelines in this respect.
(CENTRAL ADOPTION RESOURCE AGENCY)

ANNEXURE-I

STATE-WISE RELEASE OF THE GRANT-IN-AID TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS UNDER THE SCHEME OF ASSIS
TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR HOMES (SHISHU GREH) FOR INFANTS FOR PROMOTION
DURING THE YEAR 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001

S. No. STATES/U.T. AMOUNT OF GRANT-IN-AID SANCTIONED DURING THE YEARS

(IN RUPEES)

	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
1. Andhra Pradesh	931,121.00	2,148,600.00	872,250.00
2. Arunachal Pradesh	375,300.00	600,000.00	583,200.00
3. Delhi	1,198,181.00	1,064,400.00	177,314.00
4. Gujarat	132,300.00	353,700.00	-
5. Haryana	313,200.00	447,030.00	347,276.00
6. Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	78,763.00
7 Karnataka	339,750.00	496,800.00	496,800.00
8. Kerala	121,500.00	698,400.00	449,072.00
9. Madhya Pradesh	297,900.00	600,000.00	600,000.00
10. Maharashtra	4,316,636.00	5,711,645.00	7,628,700.00
11. Manipur	Nil	99,000.00	456,300.00
12. Mizoram	Nil	49,500.00	496,800.00
13. Orissa	1,877,250.00	2,129,100.00	4,077,600.00
14. Rajasthan	591,300.00	491,400.00	1,387,800.00
15. Tamilnadu	1,244,938.00	716,850.00	583,200.00
16. Tripura	375,600.00	599,400.00	583,200.00
17. West Bengal	482,712.00	-	-
TOTAL	12,597,688.00	16,205,825.00	18,818,275.00